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EMPLOYMENT IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indians gone abroad for employment during the last three years;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to prevent their exploitation in those countries; and

(c) the number of cases of cruelities, exploitation, death etc. reported from freign countries in relation to Indian`s during the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL)

(a): The number of Indians who had gone abroad for employment after obtaining clearance from the Protectors of Emigrants, during the years 1999, 2000, 2001 is 7.25 lakh.

(b) & (c): As per available information 31 cases of cruelties and expoitation of Indian workers have been reported during the last three years. However, no deaths due to cruelty and exploitation have been reported. With a view to prevent their exploitation, as and when such complaints are received, the Indian Missions and the local agents are asked to intervene and settle the disputes. In most of the cases the disputes are settled. However, if the local agents fail to settle the complaints in a satisfactory manner, their registration certificates are cancelled/suspended and the bank gurantees are forfeited. The defaulting foreign employer is blaklisted and no further recruitment by the foreign employer is allowed without prior approval of the Government.